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From: Beatrice Lutterbeck <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, November 8, 2020 7:28 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Conditional Use Permits for Oil and Gas Operators in Ventura County

Dear Ventura County Board of Supervisors,

It has come to my attention that oil and gas operators in Ventura County hold what are called "Conditional Use Permits." As such, they claim they have the right to drill new wells, expand production, or use high-risk techniques like fracking and cyclic steam without proper review and oversight from the county.

These old, outdated permits must not give oil companies the right to expand operations indefinitely. Rubber-stamping new and expanded drilling under antiquated permits is bad for Ventura County's land, air, and water. They have become permits to pollute.

All oil and gas operations in Ventura County should be held to modern safety and environmental standards. We can't continue to expand oil operations indefinitely under antiquated Conditional Use Permits. These permits were handed out decades ago, before our current understanding of the public health, safety, and climate impacts of oil production.

The oil companies don't want to play by the same land use rules that everyone else has to follow. But with the climate crisis and the pollution already impacting our communities, we can't accept that any person or corporation has an unlimited right to expand in ways that pollute our land, air, or water.

All new drilling and expanded extraction should require a new permit and full compliance with current health, safety and environmental standards. Thank you for helping to make that happen today.

Sincerely,
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